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Approval for Distribution of Intelligence Memoranda  
Outside the IAC Agencies

It has been the practice for several years to submit intelligence memoranda to the DCI with a recommended distribution list for his approval. Before the reorganization, this approval was required for all distribution except delivery to the requester in the event that the memorandum had been prepared on request. Any subsequent distribution outside the originally approved list was handled in the same way by OCD. Each additional request was subject to DCI approval.

After the reorganization, the DCI relaxed the regulation to permit the AD/RR to approve distribution of IM's within the IAC agencies. We have continued, however, to submit for his approval any distribution outside the IAC agencies.

Although I can understand very well the reasons for this very careful control of intelligence memoranda before the reorganization of ORR, I find it difficult to understand why the kind of memorandum we now put out should be subject to this control. None of our other publications is reviewed outside ORR before distribution with the exception of such nominal control as may be effected by OCD. I am inclined to feel that the regulation has outlived the reasons for its adoption.

It is suggested that it might be profitable to review this matter with the DDI with a view to placing responsibility for release of IM's to all recipients on the AD/RR. This would, of course, be subject to the over-all responsibility of the AD/CD for dissemination.

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